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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Tom Smeeton, House International Relations Committee Staff, 17 January 1978 (U)

25X1 1. [] Called Tom Smeeton, House International Relations Committee staff, to convey to him the results of the Director's meeting with the Attorney General last Thursday on the matter of further access to information by Chairman Donald M. Fraser's (D., Minn.) Subcommittee on International Organizations. I indicated that [] had accompanied the Director to the meeting with the Attorney General.

25X1 2. [] I said that the Attorney General indicated that Justice Department action concerning its investigation of leaks from the Subcommittee was not complete and, therefore, I assumed that Justice would not be referring the matter to the House of Representatives (as Mike Hershman, of the Fraser Subcommittee staff, had indicated they would) until the package was fully pulled together. I said that, in addition, Justice's investigation of certain aspects of the matter was continuing and this investigation was not limited to a single member of the Committee and presumably also extended to the staff.

25X1 3. [] I told Smeeton that it was my impression that there had been an understanding between the Attorney General and Chairman Fraser regarding the Justice Department investigation and that the "stand down" which had been agreed to earlier by the Attorney General and the Director was still in effect. I also added that while I obviously was not speaking for the Attorney General, I assumed that Judge Bell would be pleased to discuss this matter further with Chairman Fraser if the Chairman wished to take it up with him.

25X1 4. [] I told Smeeton, for his information and the information of Larry Sulc, of the Subcommittee staff, that [] made certain that the Attorney General was aware of the information previously passed to us regarding alleged leaks by

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members of the Subcommittee staff. Smeeton thanked me for keeping him informed and said my call was very timely in that Representative Edward J. Derwinski (R., Ill.) was returning to Washington today and he wanted to bring him up to date on this matter. I also advised Smeeton of my conversation with Mike Hershman and Hershman's words to me about pursuing the matter of subpoenas. Smeeton also understands that the "stand down" applies to the request originated by Representatives Derwinski and William F. Goodling (R., Pa.) for a briefing on

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